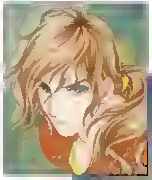

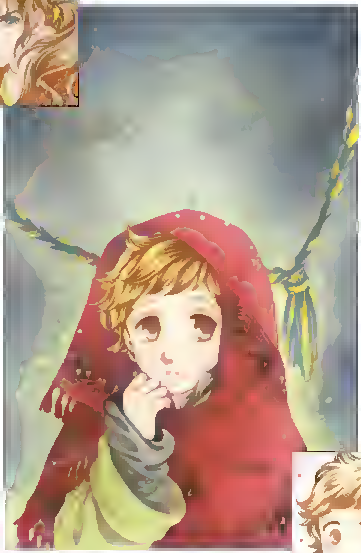

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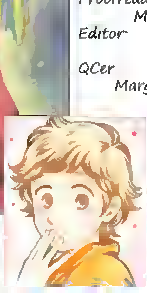

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Story Summary

Kanan has finally grown accustomed to living in Sanwa, where the legend of Holy Dragons persists. When the nature of her and Lamkha's relationship becomes the talk of the village's younger population, she begins seeing him in a new light. In the meantime, the two set off to Mount Logam to collect carcasses of Flying Serpents. However, Kanan's body is beginning to show signs of mutation, perhaps an effect of the Flying Serpents' toxin—

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KANAN'S STRENGTH

IN SANWA VILLAGE
THERE IS A YOUTH GROUP DEDICATED TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE.
THAT IS THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB (BOTH GROUPS OF THE CLUB ONLY ADMIT SINGLES).
THAT DAY,
IN THE GIRLS' GROUP, A RIDICULOUS RUMOR SPREAD
THE BOYS SAID,
GIRL'S GROUP
YESTERDAY, YOU AND LAMKHA WERE SNUGGLED UP TOGETHER...
FROM DUSK 'TIL DAWN
AND COMPLETELY LOST TRACK OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS IS THAT TRUE?

NO BREASTS
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, IMPOSSIBLE!
LAMKHA WOULD NEVER BE INTERESTED IN A LITTLE KID LIKE THAT
impossible
With that flat chest
THAT MEANS IT WAS ONLY A RUMOR
SHE TURNED TO STONE
IT HAS TO BE
GRAB
SO, WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
WE ALREADY KNOW LAMKHA'S A NIGHT OWL
THE LORD OF SANWA ASKED ME
TO MAKE A RECORD OF THE VILLAGERS
DO YOU MEAN WRITING DOWN THE NAMES, RELATIONSHIPS, JOBS, AND AGES OF EVERYONE IN EACH FAMILY?
Ah!
That's all, right?
So why were you embarassed?
BECAUSE IT IS EMBARRASSING, I ASKED LAMKHA TO TEACH ME LATE LAST NIGHT
THE TRUTH IS,
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WRITE

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THIS MEANS "KANAN"
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO WRITE IT! WHY CAN'T YOU REMEMBER YOUR OWN NAME?!
BECAUSE, IT SEEMS STRANGE,
WHEN YOU WRITE IT LIKE THAT.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MY NAME
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN WORKING UP UNTIL NOW, SO YOU'VE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO LEARN HOW TO READ AND WRITE
YOU SHOULD USE THIS CHANCE TO GET IT DOWN YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE, RIGHT?
EVENTUALLY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WRITE A LOVE LETTER
HAVE YOU DONE THAT?!
NO, AS IF I WOULD DO THAT.
BUT I ACTUALLY GET A BUNCH OF THEM
Why are you looking at me like that?
OH, I SEE

Why are you sulking?
I JUST LAUGH AT IT.
JUST IGNORE THEM.
IT'S TRUE THAT IT DOESN'T LOOK APPROPRIATE FOR US TO STUDY BY OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
AH!
THEY SAID THAT WE WERE INTIMATE THROUGH THE WHOLE NIGHT.
BUT THE BOYS' GROUP STARTED THAT RUMOR ABOUT US
WITH THAT CRAZY GOSSIP, RIGHT?
BUT YOU MUST BE UNCOMFORT-ABLE
OH!
THE BOY S AND GIRL S CLUB
HOW'S THE CENSUS COMING?
YOU REALLY ARE STUDY-ING
Tonmi
Sonam
PLEASE SLOW DOWN !!!
I'M TSEDEN MY DAD'S LOBSANG MY MOM
WRITE MY NAME TOO, OKAY

"TSEDEN"
HERE, HERE'S HOW YOU WRITE IT
EEEH?! IS KANAN COPYING LAMKHA'S HANDWRITING?
YOU'D BETTER NOT UNLESS YOU WANT TO WRITE IN CHICKEN SCRATCH, TOO.
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT?!
HA HA HA HA.
YOU'RE WORKING HARD
AH, YOUR GRACE
IT'S REALLY SURPRISING
TO SEE LAMKHA TEACHING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY ON HOW TO WRITE
JUST LIKE A SCHOOLTEACHER
YOU COULD KNOCK ME OVER WITH A FEATHER!
HA HA HA!

Leave me alone already
YOU'VE GOT TO KICK THIS HABIT OF SHOWING UP AT OTHER PEOPLE'S HOUSES WHEN YOU'RE UPSET
LIKE I WAS SAYING,
YOU TOO, SHIN. YOU SHOULD SHOW UP AT THE YOUTH GROUP SOMETIME.
WHY DON'T YOU COME?
BECAUSE ALL THEY TALK ABOUT IS GIRLS
OH, BY THE WAY
When you feel better you leave
You're so selfish
Yout
When you're upset you always come here!
WHICH GIRL?
TSK. DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT
THIS MORNING, WHEN I WENT TO LOOK FOR HERBS,
I SAW THAT GIRL
THAT GIRL FROM BEFORE.
THE ONE YOU BROUGHT FROM POMO VILLAGE.

CRASH
THE ONE WITH ENORMOUS BREASTS.
OH.
I SEE.
SO, WHAT ABOUT HER?
SHE WAS WALKING WITH A GUY.
SHE LOOKED VERY HAPPY.
OH
IF SHE WAS HAPPY, THAT'S OKAY.
IS IT REALLY OKAY?
YEAH, IT'S OKAY.
SORRY, I BOTHERED YOU.
SHIN

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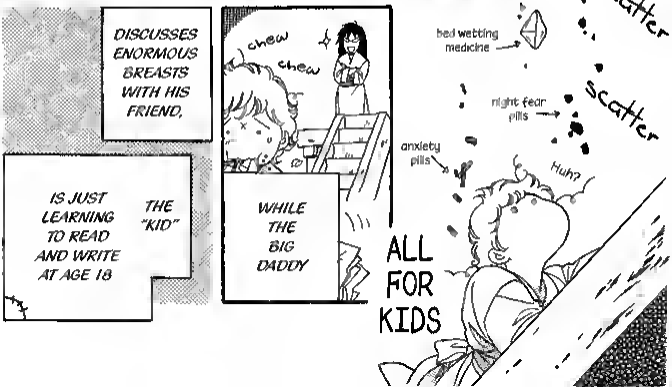
PLEASE GIVE SOME HERBS TO THE SLOW GIRL
WHO JUST FELL DOWN THE STAIRS
TSK! EAVES-DROPPING AGAIN?
I DIDN'T HEAR A THING!
NO !!
BUT I DID HEAR THE WORD "BREASTS"



Tsu-enmo
Shiku-pa
Chilka
Yeska
Tonka
Kunka
Tsue-sen
IT'S EASIER TO REMEMBER THEIR NAMES AND HOW TO SPELL THEM, IF YOU SEE THEIR FACES
SOPA'S HOUSE IS TO THE RIGHT IT'S ALSO THE HEAD-QUARTERS FOR THE BOYS' GROUP
NEXT DOOR IS METO'S HOUSE
Uum
Shi
Sh ku
THE GIRL FROM THE GIRLS' GROUP FROM BEFORE
The one who grabbed me?
THOSE TWO ARE GOOD FRIENDS FROM CHILDHOOD
THEY JUST GOT TOGETHER RECENTLY, BUT SOPA ISN'T AGGRESSIVE ENOUGH, SO THEIR RELATIONSHIP ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE
Should I write that down, too?
THAT RUMOR COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE TRUE.
LAMKHA!! WAIT!!

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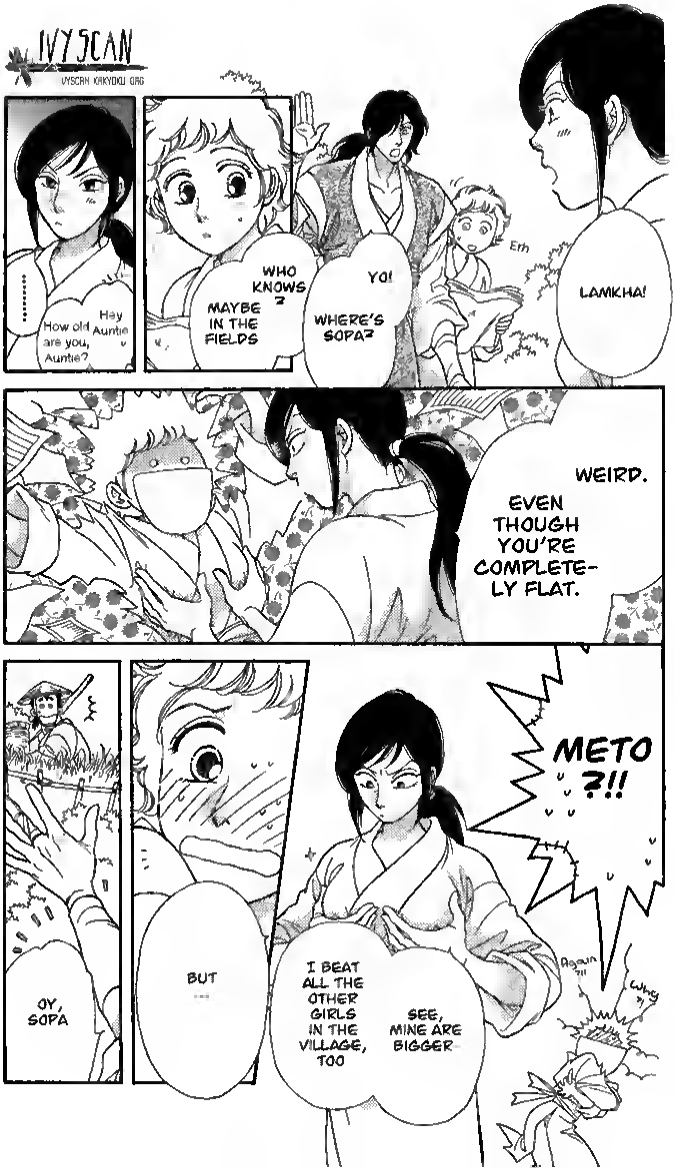

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STOMP
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I WANT TO TEACH KANAN HOW TO WRITE YOUR FAMILY NAME
SURPRISE
SNATCH
HEY.
I GOT THIS SUDDEN URGE TO WRESTLE YOU
Sorry
Huh?
Oops!
SORA'S AN IDIOT
HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY WIN AGAINST LAMKHA?
JUST THIS ONCE, LET ME BEAT YOU

ONE MORE TIME !!
DAMMIT !!
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN ?
WHAT'S UP?
UH WHAA
shake
shake
OH, NO!! SODAAA !!!
METO?
UGH!
THIS IS BEYOND PATHETIC!
BOY'S GROUP
METO SAID,
"IF YOU WANT TO VISIT MY ROOM, FIRST, YOU MUST BEAT LAMKHA, WHO IS THE STRONGEST IN THE VILLAGE"
THAT'S HOW IT IS

METO !!
"I CAN'T BEAT LAMKHA" AND "I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS STRONG AS LAMKHA."
SOPA IS ALWAYS SAYING
THAT'S RIGHT.
BIG, BUT WEAK.
THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HER.
By the looks of you, you've already lost
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE BEFORE YOU BEAT HIM!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
I don't think that!
I'M EASY TO GET JUST BECAUSE I'M YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
DON'T THINK
METO !!!!
Hmph
What the hell?
Huh?
Ah
JUST BETWEEN US, OKAY?
OY, METO
SO, DON'T LET HIM WIN, LAMKHA.

Age 10
I HAD A CRUSH ON LAMKHA
A LONG TIME AGO.
BUT,
IT'S NOT LIKE I EVER WANTED TO CONFESS OR ANY-THING
ACTU ALLY
A WOMAN WANTS HER MAN TO BE BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS GUY...
EEH ?!!
ME, TOO
I ALSO HAD A CRUSH ON HIM BEFORE
EVEN THOUGH LAMKHA ACTS LIKE A SAVAGE,
HE'S ACTUALLY PROTECTIVE,
KIND, AND MATURE,
WHEN COMPARED TO THE OTHER GUYS IN THE VILLAGE
Ho ho
HAVE CRUSHES ON LAMKHA ?!
DID ALL OF YOU
SO, IS LAMKHA REALLY THAT POPULAR?!
AH, NO.

IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T KNOW
IN FACT,
I ALREADY KNEW THIS AND MORE.
BUT,
LIKE THE "BIG GIRL" FROM THE POMO VILLAGE A FEW YEARS BACK.
HE ALWAYS WENT OUT WITH SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER VILLAGE
EVEN THEN, LAMKHA NEVER APPROACHED ANY GIRL FROM THIS VILLAGE, RIGHT?
IT'S JUST LIKE THE TIME THERE WHEN WE WERE KIDS, AND WE WERE SHORT A CAKE.
HE'S AFRAID OF CHOOSING A GIRL FROM THIS VILLAGE,
BECAUSE SOME GUY MIGHT BE LEFT OUT.
I GUESS LAMKHA LIKES THAT TYPE.
EVEN THE ONE BEFORE HER HAD BIG BREASTS.
NO EXP!
GYA!!

I BET THAT'S HOW LAMKHA'S THINKING,
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S A DUMMY.
AND THAT'S WHY
HE CARES ABOUT SOMEONE FROM THE OUTSIDE.
KNOWING HIM,
THAT MUST BE IT, THOUGH I'M A BIT JEALOUS
Eh?
KANAN, I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU FLAT CHESTED
Even though it's true
KANAN, DO YOU LIKE LAMKHA?

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KANAN STILL IS AT THE STAGE WHERE SHE SAYS "I LIKE SHEEP" OR "I LIKE YAKS"
HEY, KANAN, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT "VISITING METO'S ROOM" MEANS?
EVEN I KNOW THAT!
IT'S NO USE! NO USE!
ARE YOU REALLY THAT IGNORANT ABOUT LOVE?
WHAT THE HELL
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT THAT SHOCKED
IT MEANS
METO WANTS TO "BE ONE WITH" AND MARRY SOPA, RIGHT?
YEAH WELL, THAT DEPENDS ON SOPA, TOO
Waaa, I wish that would happen to me
WELL
YOU KNOW A WOMAN CAN CHANGE
BUT SHE STILL LOOKS YOUNGER THAN MY THIRTEEN YEAR OLD SISTER
SHE'S ALREADY EIGHTEEN, RIGHT?
Is that all you care about?
IF IT REALLY HAPPENS, TELL ME RIGHT AWAY
IT'LL BE A HASSLE TO REWRITE THIS

WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE A MAN
NOT JUST YOUR HEART,
BUT YOUR BODY ALSO CHANGES
STARING AT HER CHEST
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
LAMKHA CARES ABOUT ME,
BUT I'M SURE THAT HE STILL FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR ME,
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DRAGGED INTO HIS STRANGE WORLD AS A FELLOW DESCENDANT OF THE TERRESTRIAL HOLY DRAGON
Though only a few know about that
I DIDN'T KNOW
THAT LAMKHA LIKED THAT TYPE.
KANAN,

ARM WRESTLING!
Graa
All of them
big breasts
rustle
rustle
rustle
THUMB WRESTLING!
I WANT TO LET YOU WIN.
BUT HOW DO I DO THAT?
You are so weak!
WE THOUGHT HE COULD BEAT YOU IF YOU WEREN'T ARMED.
DO YOU ALSO
LIKE LAMKHA?

EVEN A HUNDRED SOPAS COULDN'T BEAT LAMKHA WITH A SWORD.
WITHOUT A SWORD...
.....
Is that really the problem?
BUT MAYBE IT WOULD ONLY TAKE THIRTY SOPAS TO WIN UNARMED.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, THIN?
THERE'S STILL WORK TO BE DONE
IT'S ONLY FOR A BIT.
SHE'S NOT HERE?
KANAN.

Unconsciously hiding her chest
NOTHING
IT'S NOTHING!
YOUR PROGRESS ISN'T BAD
NOT THAT I CARE
WHY ARE YOU HUNCHED OVER LIKE THAT?
BUT
FOR A BEGINNER
YOUR WRITING IS PRETTY GOOD
AND IT'S EASY TO READ

Who's your teacher?
AH!
I'M SO HAPPY!
REALLY?!
I FORGOT THE NAMES OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE.
THE LORD OF SANWA
AND HIS SON LAMKHA
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WRITE LAMKHA
"LA."
KANAN?!
WHAT'S WRONG?

WHY AREN'T YOU MOVING?
AAAAH !!!
THE INK AND PAPER THAT THE LORD OF SANWA GAVE ME!
CALM DOWN. I'LL GET YOU SOME MORE.
JUST WAIT HERE.
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD ALL DAY.
WHY CAN'T I ASK HIM?
KANAN.

HERE
WHAT IS IT?
How are you? ☆
THIN!
SO, I WAS GONNA LET YOU BORROW THIS
I HEARD THAT YOU WERE LEARNING TO WRITE
A WRITING TABLET ?
YOU PUT UP MY SISTER'S DOLL, DIDN'T YOU?
and decorated it with flowers.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING PRECIOUS THAT CHUMI LEFT BEHIND FOR US
Wow!
I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO READ AND WRITE
ANY WAY
I'VE BEEN BUSY HELPING IN THE FIELDS, SO I WON'T HAVE TIME TO STUDY UNTIL THE SUMMER

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IT'S BEEN 3 MONTHS SINCE I CAME HERE.
TIME REALLY FLIES.
CAN I SEE THAT ?
YES
LAMKHA TAUGHT ME AND THE NEIGHBORS.
DID YOU WRITE MY NAME ?
THESE ARE
THE NAMES OF ALL THE VILLAGERS WHO ARE ALIVE
I..
.....
I AM GOING TO BE A HEALER
I'M GOING TO CURE CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK LIKE MY SISTER.
WILL STUDY HARD UNTIL I GROW UP
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES.
KANAN,
ALTHOUGH YOU CAN'T INCLUDE THIS,
PLEASE REMEMBER IT.
THIS IS HOW YOU WRITE CHUM!

YES.
I WILL REMEMBER IT.
I WILL NEVER FORGET IT.
Huff
SINCE SHE IS SLOW AND ILLITERATE.
THAT SILLY GIRL HAS PROBABLY BEEN TRICKED BEFORE
SHE HAS PROBABLY BEEN PICKED ON, TOO
EVEN SO...
EVEN THOUGH IT'LL TAKE TIME AND EFFORT, I'M GOING TO WATCH OVER HER.
SHE IS MY "KID," AFTER ALL.
OH, WELL
New ink

HUH?
Thin?
"MY NAME IS KANAN."
"I LIVE IN SANWA VILLAGE"
HOW OLD ARE YOU, THIN?
WHEN CAN YOU JOIN THE BOY'S GROUP?
THAT'S SOME PROGRESS...
Advancing from "words" to "sentences"
THAT'S RIGHT
KANAN'S PRETTY QUICK
THAT'S BECAUSE THIN'S GOOD AT TEACHING
13
BUT I DON'T WANT TO JOIN EVEN WHEN I TURN 13
IT'S JUST A SILLY CLUB
FOR BOYS WHO WANT TO PLAY AROUND
urk...
ESPE-CIALLY MASTER LAMKHA.
ALL HE'S BEEN DOING RECENTLY IS WRESTLE WITH SOPA
AH!
THAT'S SPELLED WRONG
EEH ??!!
AND THIS IS HER TEACHER

YOU LEARN FASTER FROM OTHER KIDS, RIGHT?
APPARENTLY
YO, 'LIL TEACH!
YOU'RE PRETTY GROWN UP, AREN'T YOU? WHY DON'T YOU TAKE OVER FOR ME?
AH!
EH?
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT
YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO THIN!
LAMKHA!!

BUT YOU SAID THAT TO PUT HIM DOWN, DIDN'T YOU?
Erk!
THIN IS MATURE!
WHILE WORKING, HE'S ALSO THINKING OF HIS FUTURE!
AT THE VERY LEAST, THIN WOULDN'T TALK DOWN TO A KID YOUNGER THAN HIM!
KANAN, YOU GOT ANGRY BECAUSE HE CALLED YOU A KID, TOO
I'm fine!
Though it's true I'm small
.....
STEP
STEP
JUST APOLOGIZE, RIGHT?
I'M SORRY, THIN-
.....
HUH?
STEP
STEP
STEP

WHY IS KANAN ALONE TODAY?
WHERE'S HER TEACHER?
DON'T KNOW.
I'M TALKING TO YOU!
BE QUIET!
CAN'T YOU JUST GIVE ME A BREAK?
REALLY
I already told you not to come here when you're upset.
STOP HIDING AT MY HOUSE WHEN SOMETHING'S BUGGING YOU.
YOU'RE FIGHTING OVER A GIRL
WITH AN 11 YEAR OLD.
Who's the real kid?
I didn't think I was wrong.
But did I say too much?

WHO WOULD WANT TO BE WITH THAT KID?
six ready
COME ON, SOPA!!
THIS TIME, BE A MAN!
AND BEAT ME!!
GRAB
What's wrong with Lumkhai?
Who knows?
AND PAY A VISIT TO HER HOUSE ??!!

YOU ARE USELESS IF YOU ARE THIS WEAK! FIGHT!!
COME ON! PUT YOUR HIPS INTO IT!
GRUNT !!
GRUNT !!
KICK
EH ?!
WHOA ??!!
DID SOPA JUST WIN ??!!
WA—
WAAA-AAAIT!!!
!?
Sfx: Whoosh

CULPRIT
Breath
WHO KICKED MY LEG ??? WHO?!!
AH!!
YOU !!!!
IT'S BECAUSE MASTER LAMKHA IS WRONG!!
What did you say ?!
I'M NOT A BUM LIKE YOU!
I -
CAN'T DO IT WHEN I'M SOBER
THEN, LET'S DRINK☆ !!
I MADE YOU HER TEACHER, DIDN'T I?
I'M BUSY WORKING IN THE FIELDS!
YOU ONLY APOLO-GISED TO ME,
THEN SULKED,
AND LEFT KANAN TO STUDY BY HERSELF!

Hic
THERE !!
SAY HI TO METO!!
GO FOR IT !!
Sopa fight!!!
WHY DID SOPA WANT TO BEAT YOU SO BADLY?
ANY-WAY,
ALSO,
WHAT DID THEY MEAN BY "HAVE FUN"?
Meto
Hi!!
HEY, SOPA!
HUH?
OH, SHIT!
MASTER LAMKHA?!
KYAA
THAT'S NOT METO'S HOUSE!
CRAP!!
HE'S TOTALLY WASTED !!

Thump
OH NO, SOPA IS ATTACKING KANAN'S HOUSE!
KANAN!!!
LAMKHA!!!

ARE YOU OKAY?
AH?
NO
SOPA WAS SLOSHED! HE DIDN'T MISTAKE YOU FOR METO AND DO ANYTHING TO YOU, DID HE?!
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN HE BURSTED IN, SO I RAN AWAY.
Meto?
Huh?
AH!
SORRY, I'M ALWAYS BOTHERING YOU.
NO. IT'S OKAY.
I'm not responsible.
UH... HUH...

THE BOYS' GROUP IS BEING PUNISHED FOR RAISING A RUCKUS
REALLY !!
THEY'RE ONLY GROWN IN SIZE!
GIRR
WHERE IS LAMKHA?
DID HE RUN AWAY?
THIS MORNING
SOPA AND METO CAME SEPARATELY TO APOLOGIZE
WILL THEY BE OKAY?
I THINK THEY'LL BE OKAY TONIGHT
SEE, YOU CAN DO IT
YOU'RE PRETTY BAD, REALLY HOW CAN YOU LEARN YOUR TEACHER'S NAME LAST?

REMEMBER IT WELL
THAT'S MY NAME
"LAMKHA".
THIS...
SORRY
.....
ABOUT TREATING YOU LIKE A KID
So he does like that type
I WAS IN A PANIC,
BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO ASK..
IF YOU KEEP HUNCHING UP LIKE THAT, YOUR POSTURE WILL BE BAD AND YOUR BREASTS WON'T GROW
ANY WAY,
BE CARE-FUL
EH?
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TO WRITE LAMKHA,
—HOW—
JUST ASKING THAT ONE NAME IS ENOUGH .
BUT,
SINCE I THOUGHT THE GIRLS' GROUP WOULD REALLY MAKE FUN OF ME
TO COMPLETELY FLUSTER ME.
Oh
He's being really careful
Check it again; there might be a mistake!
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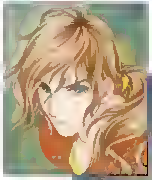

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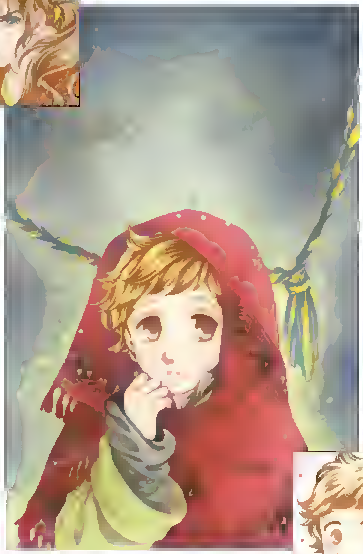

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CHAPTER IV

VALLEY OF MEMORY,
DEPTHS OF REMEMBRANCE
MOTHER.
HUFF.

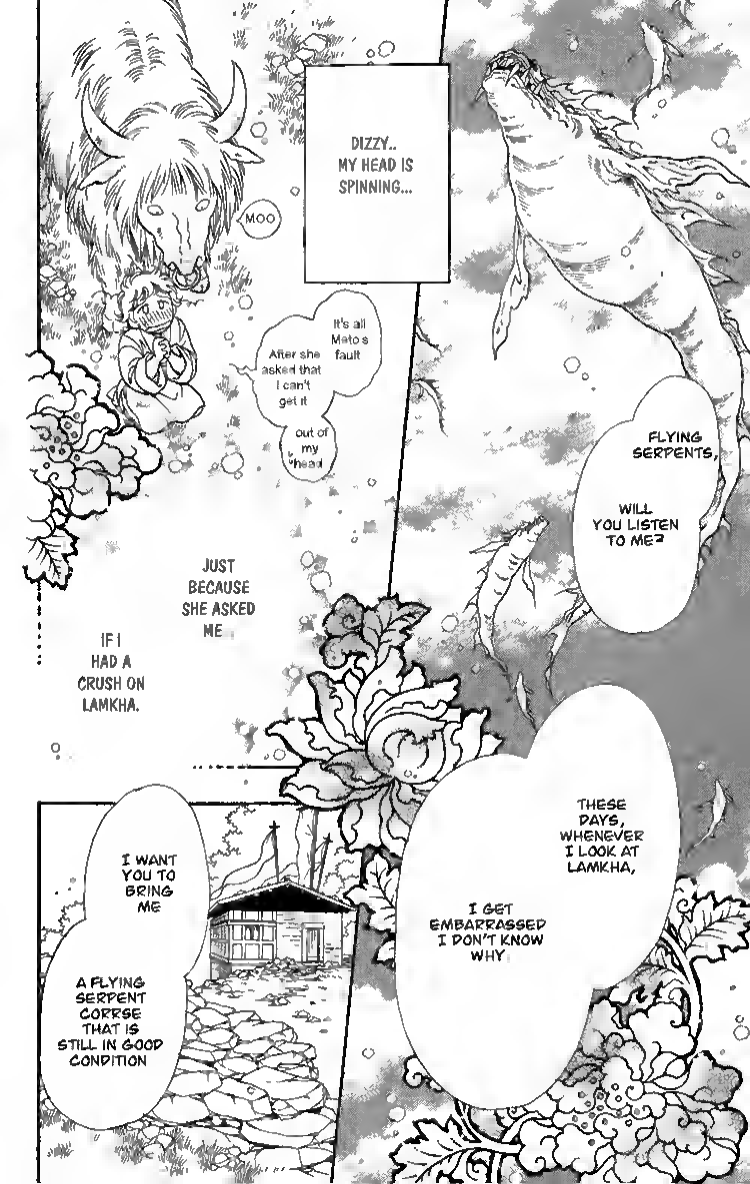
HEY, MOTHER
THE WIND IS GETTING COLD
LET'S GO BACK, FATHER MUST BE WAITING FOR US
HOW FAR?
LAMKHA WANTS TO SEE IT, TOO.
IT'S FAR AWAY
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

drip
drip
PLEASE TELL ME, MOTHER
KRR
SWISH

KRACK
IT SPLIT
grab
IT BROKE
Huh?
CRACK
UUGH

Rustle
...
THAT'S THAT
KANAN, WHY ARE YOU HIDING? COME OVER
YOU'RE LATE ARE YOU FINISHED PASTURING THOSE SHEEP?
HEY
I'm not Kanan
uh
HERE
WHERE'S KANAN?
HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
DUNNO.
We're not Kanan's keepers.
Che this isn't funny
FATHER CALLED?
HE WANTS YOU TO GO TO HEALER LASAM'S HOUSE
THE LORD IS CALLING YOU, LAMKHA

Baa
Baa
Baa
Baa
Baa
Baa
.....
I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY
YES, I'M FINE
YOU MUST ALL BE TIRED
YOU SHOULD BE GETTING HOME
DIZZY...
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THIS
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THAT


DIZZY.. MY HEAD IS SPINNING...
MOO
It's all Mato's fault
After she asked that I can't get it out of my head
FLYING SERPENTS, WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?
JUST BECAUSE SHE ASKED ME...
IF I HAD A CRUSH ON LAMKHA.
THESE DAYS, WHENEVER I LOOK AT LAMKHA, I GET EMBARRASSED I DON'T KNOW WHY
I WANT YOU TO BRING ME A FLYING SERPENT CORPSE THAT IS STILL IN GOOD CONDITION

DO YOU KNOW OF "LOGAMU" MOUNTAIN?
SURE
THAT'S THE PEAK WHERE DYING FLYING SERPENTS GO FOR THEIR FINAL REST
APPARENTLY, FLYING SERPENTS THAT DIE IN THE SNOW
ARE CARRIED DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY THE RIVER'S CURRENT
THEPE'S A PERSON
WHO PULLS THEM FROM THE RIVER AND BURIES THEM DEEPLY TO PREVENT THE POISON FROM SPREADING AND "MERCHANTS" FROM EXPLOITING THEM
ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO GO THERE MYSELF,
BUT THERE'S A VILLAGER I CAN'T LEAVE ALONE AT THE MOMENT
I ASKED SHIN,
BUT THE STUPID CHILD SPRAINED HIS ANKLE
So use-less
WE BECAME ACQUAINTED WHEN WE BOTH WORKED IN THE UNDER-WORLD
TO ATONE FOR HIS SINS,
HE NOW PROTECTS THE FLYING SERPENT CORPSES

THIS IS THE FIRST THAT I'VE HEARD OF IT,
SO I HAVE TO GET READY
Ok then
I'LL BE TAKING KANAN WITH ME
THAT GIRL, AGAIN?! ISN'T SHE JUST GOING TO BE A BOTHER?
SHE'S MORE USE-FUL THAN YOU!
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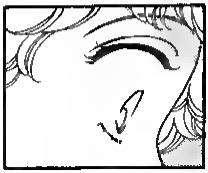
Are you calling me useless?!!
I HAVE BEEN GIVING SOME THOUGHT ABOUT THAT CITY GIRL FROM BEFORE,
WHO WAS POI-SONED WHILE WORKING WITH FLYING SERPENT VENOM
SHE TURNED INTO THAT PITIFUL CREATURE AND THEN DIED IN THE HINTER-LANDS
THE GIRL WHO SURVIVED BY CONSUMING HUMAN FLESH AND BLOOD.
TO ANALYZE IT, I'M GOING TO NEED A FLYING SERPENT CORDSE
GO FIND A MAN CALLED THE TOMUNAKU ON LOGAMU MOUNTAIN AND DELIVER MY LETTER TO HIM.
EVEN IF IT'S ALREADY A CORPSE, THE POISON IS STILL DANGEROUS.
YOU MUST BE CAREFUL ON THIS JOURNEY, LAMKHA
WHEN I GET BACK, THE SAME COULD BE SAID TO YOU, HEALER LASAM
Okay I'm off

MY LORD, I APOLOGIZE FOR ASKING LAMKHA TO GO THIS TIME.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
BESIDES, I'M THE ONE WHO PROPOSED IT.
TAKE HEART. ANYTIME THE BOY HAS MET HARDSHIP, HE HAS—
KANAN!
HEY, KANAN!
WHERE ON EARTH COULD SHE BE?
HEY, KANAN!
NOW, WHERE IS THAT SCRAWNY GIRL?
WANNA EAT?
Tap
EH?
Why?

KANAN, YOU'RE SO QUIET TODAY,
AH, NO, NO
I'm fine really
I'M JUST THINK-ING
THAT I THOUGHT YOU MUST BE HUNGRY AFTER HELPING US IN THE FIELDS
WHAT IS IT?
IF YOU THINK THAT I CAN HELP,
TELL ME
WELL
An 18 years old woman consulting an 11 years old boy
Well
IS THERE ANYONE IN THIS VILLAGE THAT YOU LIKE?
THIN
WHA...
NO, NO ONE AT ALL!
Ah I see
WHETHER YOU LIKE SOMEONE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING ADULT OR KID

KANAN SURE IS ACTING STRANGE
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OK?

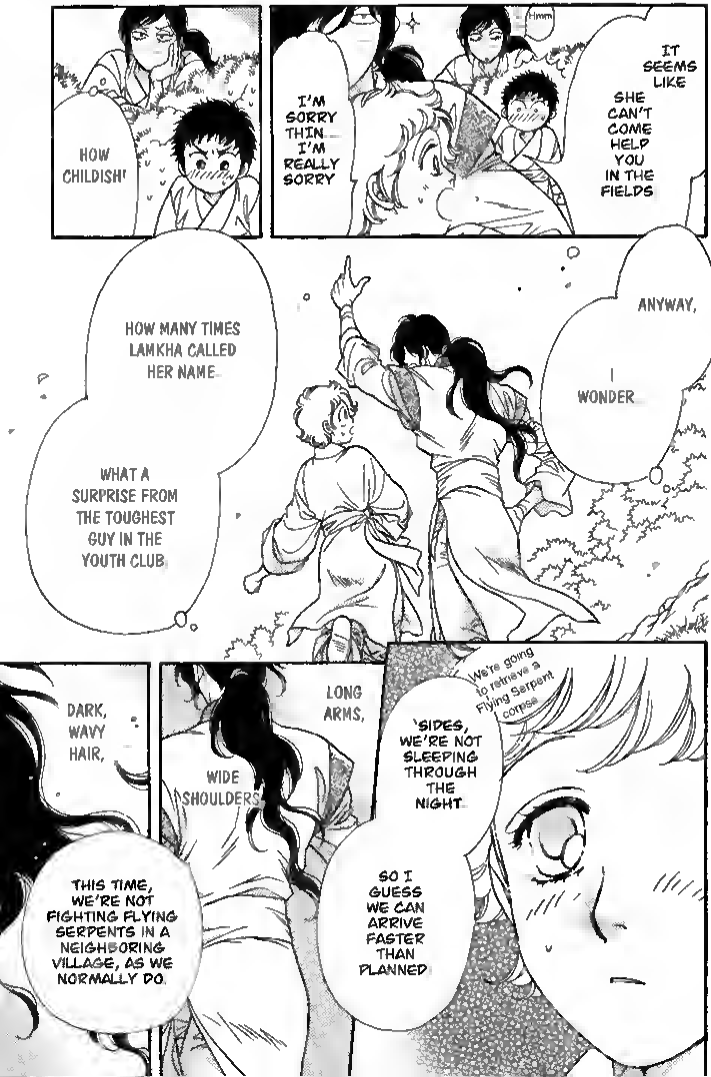


She must be really hungry
Are you okay?
STILL,
I'M A DUMB, FLAT CHESTED LACKEY AND,
YET, I DARE TO THINK THAT WAY.
IF LAMKHA FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS,
THEN I'LL BE A LAUGHING-STOCK AGAIN

AT THE MOMENT,
WHY ARE YOU ASKING?
I'M TOTALLY FINE.
MY HEAD IS SPINNING
SO DIZZY.

METO!!!
Telle-pathy?
AH-HA
Huh?
HIDING IS ONLY GOING TO MAKE THINGS WORSE
CAN'T YOU HEAR HIM? OR ARE YOU HIDING FROM HIM?
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO LIKE HIM THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GROW FROM BEING A HATCHLING AND SPREAD YOUR WINGS
LET'S PUT ASIDE LAMKHA'S FEELINGS

YOU'RE GOING TO BE EMBARRASSED WHEN YOU MEET
FOUND YOU!
HEY! KANAN!
DUMMY! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO. WE'LL BE GOING TO MOUNT LOGAMU. WE'LL SET OUT RIGHT AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED PACKING.
A job?
WHY IS METO HERE—
Ah
AND THIN AS WELL,
Again?
THE PEAK WILL BE HIGHER AND COLDER THAN HERE.
ASK METO IF SHE CAN LEND YOU SOME CLOTHES.
AND DON'T FORGET SHOES FOR TRAVELLING AS WELL.
UHM...
THIN...


HOW CHILDISH!
I'M SORRY THIN... I'M REALLY SORRY
Hmm
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE CAN'T COME HELP YOU IN THE FIELDS
ANYWAY, I WONDER
HOW MANY TIMES LAMKHA CALLED HER NAME
WHAT A SURPRISE FROM THE TOUGHEST GUY IN THE YOUTH CLUB
We're going to retrieve a Flying Serpent egg, comse
'SIDES, WE'RE NOT SLEEPING THROUGH THE NIGHT
SO I GUESS WE CAN ARRIVE FASTER THAN PLANNED
DARK, WAVY HAIR,
LONG ARMS,
WIDE SHOULDERS
THIS TIME, WE'RE NOT FIGHTING FLYING SERPENTS IN A NEIGHBORING VILLAGE, AS WE NORMALLY DO.

THOSE SKY BLUE EYES
JUST LIKE WHERE THE HOLY DRAGONS BELONG.
AND IF I LOOK CLOSELY, (WELL, I USED TO LOOK CLOSELY AT HIM.)
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S SO POPULAR IN THE WOMEN'S YOUTH CLUB
AND I'VE BEEN WITH HIM ALL THIS TIME
KANAN!
WATCH YOUR STEP! IT'LL TAKE 10 DAYS TO GET THERE,
SO WE'RE GOING TO SPEND 20 DAYS TRAVELLING BACK AND FORTH
THA-THAT FAR?!
Morning, day and night we are going to be walking all the time
ON FOOT, TOO!!
JUST THE TWO OF US
LAMKHA'S FEELINGS
Decide: trial or hatching
PUT THEM ASIDE FOR A MOMENT

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When I was working on the first book, I fractured my foot. The doctor told me that I had to wear a hard cast for two weeks. After I took it off, I should have returned to normal. But a few months later, my right side still felt uneasy. Even though I only wore the cast for a few weeks, my right side felt off, because I favored it to protect my left foot. Maybe I shouldn't have walked from Marukawa to Yokohama just to watch a concert.

I recovered thanks to acupuncture and massages

Just as a precaution I'm not wearing any high heels

IT CAN'T BE..
Yo!
LAM-KHA!
HEARD YOU'RE GOING ON A LONG TRIP.
ARE YOU GOING TO DROP BY ZEMAREPU VILLAGE?
NO, I'M NOT.
I REALLY WANT TO GO THERE. IT'S BEEN A WHILE
WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER?
Ze-ma?
WE SHOULD LEAVE SOPA OUT THOUGH. THAT GUY'S BEEN DOING FINE WITH METO
Isn't that nice?
HEY!

I JUST NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THIS FAR!
WELL,
WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED, AND YOU'RE ALREADY DOWN!
droop
YOUR FACE...
WELL, IT IS—
ISN'T IT ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
...
DIZZY...
IS A LITTLE
PALE.

I'M STARVING NOW
I'M GOING TO ASK FOR FOOD FROM THIN
AH UHM
BAT
WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF US
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BUT YOU'RE ACTING A LITTLE UNUSUAL
IS IT JUST ME?
YOU EAT MORE THAN I DO!!
WHAT THE?!
YOU SHOULD ASK FOR STOMACH MEDICINE FROM SHIN
SINCE YOU EAT A LOT,
SPIN, SPIN, SPIN
MY HEAD IS SPINNING
PLEASE WAIT FOR ME!
IN ORDER TO PACK
I'M GOING BACK TO THE HUT

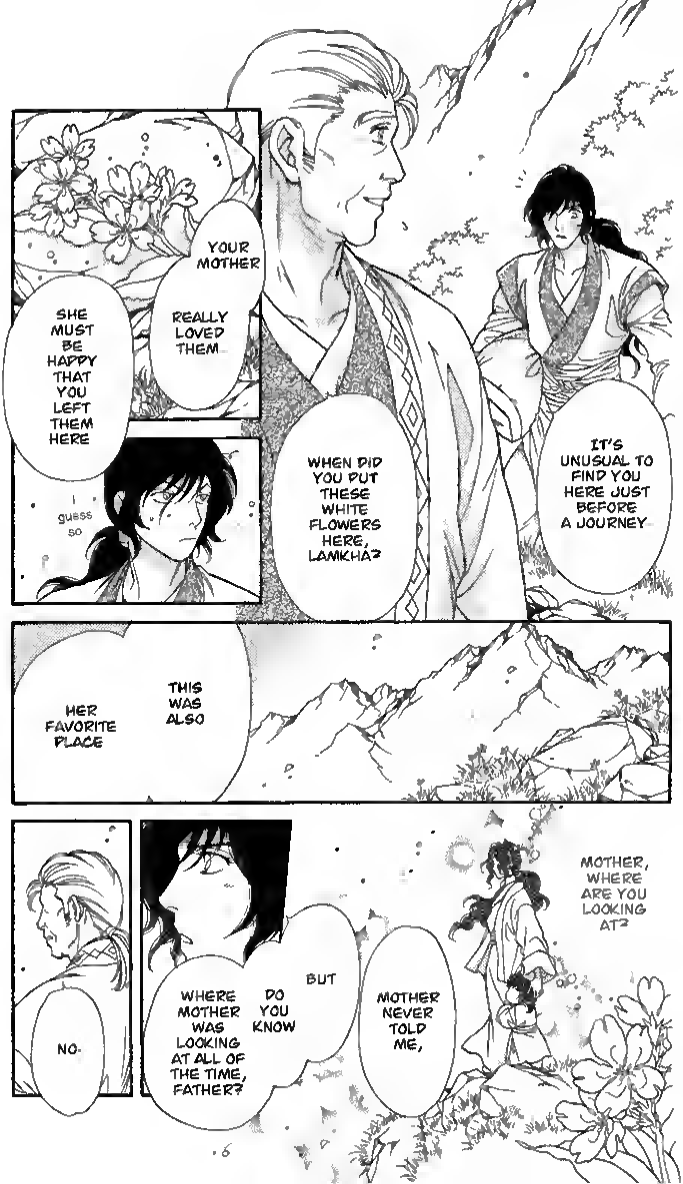
THE DIZZINESS...
WON'T STOP.
ACTUALLY, IT STARTED A FEW DAYS AGO.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE
I WAS THINKING ABOUT LOVE WHICH WAS STILL NEW TO ME
THAT'S WHY...
MY BODY ALSO FEELS HOT. I FEEL ICKY...
USUALLY, I FEEL A BIT CHILLY.
BOW
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAP-PENED
WHY AM I...

What else?
THE EFFECTS ARE UNKNOWN
THE SIDE EFFECTS CAUSED BY FLYING SERPENT POISON ARE STILL A MYSTERY
IT CAN'T BE
HER FACE WAS SLIGHTLY PALE,
BUT SHE WAS STILL SMILING

AM I WORRYING TOO MUCH?
Hey! What's wrong?!
LAMKHA!
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO TAKE THESE?
THERE'S SOME-THING MORE.
MEDI CINE FOR KA-NAN,
TO KEEP HER FROM BEING TIRED AND DOWN
I'M YOUR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN!
NOT THAT GIRL'S!
SHIN, YOU'RE ALWAYS HELPING ME
I'M SO THANK-FUL,
AND I TRUST YOUR ABILITY.
THAT'S WHY
PLEASE
WHAT IS HE WORRIED ABOUT?
Has been waiting
Shin

...!
WHY IS HER SKIN SO HARD?
I'M ALL RIGHT! IT'S JUST A BUMP!
IT'S NOTHING
Show me your tongue!
Open your mouth!
IT'S NOT FROM THE FLYING SERPENT POISON!
SO PLEASE, HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY OTHER SYMPTOMS?
DON'T HIDE ANYTHING, TELL ME!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO LAMKHA!

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE BEFORE WE GO
NOW, WHAT IF...
IS IT OK TO TAKE KANAN ALONG?
CREAK
WHAT IF IT'S TRUE?
AH...
HEH
FATHER?


IT'S UNUSUAL TO FIND YOU HERE JUST BEFORE A JOURNEY
WHEN DID YOU PUT THESE WHITE FLOWERS HERE, LAMIKHA?
YOUR MOTHER REALLY LOVED THEM
SHE MUST BE HAPPY THAT YOU LEFT THEM HERE
I GUESS SO
THIS WAS ALSO HER FAVORITE PLACE
MOTHER, WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
MOTHER NEVER TOLD ME,
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHERE MOTHER WAS LOOKING AT ALL OF THE TIME, FATHER?
NO-

TWENTY YEARS AGO...
WHEN YOU WERE STILL A BABY,
TO SANWA FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD
THAT WAS ALL
YOUR MOTHER DIDN'T TALK ABOUT HERSELF
DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER'S PAST, EXCEPT THAT SHE BROUGHT YOU,
Mother, I broke a vase
EVER SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE,
YOU CAME TO THIS GRAVE EVERY TIME YOU FELT TROUBLED
YOU BROUGHT THE FLOWERS HERE,
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG?
YOU

ON THE WAY HERE,
I FOUND A BOULDER SPLIT INTO TWO.
YOU DID THAT, DIDN'T YOU?
PRACTICING, WERE YOU?
THAT'S UNUSUAL.
YOU USUALLY HATE PRACTICING.
I NEED SOME CASH.
I almost forgot
AGAINST AN ARMED LAMKHA,
EVEN A 100 SOPAS COULDN'T WIN.
BUT WITHOUT A SWORD...
FATHER,
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG

NOW IS NOT THE TIME
TO THINK ABOUT THAT.
NOTHING AT ALL
LAMKHA,
I DON'T MIND
THAT YOU'RE GOING TO LOGAMU MOUNTAIN
BUT JUST REMEMBER,
STAY AWAY FROM THE MAIN ROAD TO THE CAPITAL
IS IT THAT
No
YOU'RE AFRAID I MIGHT BE ROBBED, BECAUSE I'M A VILLAGER?
OH,
IT MUST BE ABOUT THE SIGN ON MY FINGER-NAIL
THAT IS

IT'S MY PROBLEM.
I'M GOING NOW, MOTHER.
WORD MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN OUT ABOUT THE MARK OF THE HOLY DRAGON'S DESCENDENT.
PLEASE,
AS FOR NOW,
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
YOU'RE LATE, LAMKHA!
THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN ME.

HERE I AM TO GRANT YOUR REQUEST
MEDICINE FOR YOUR KID
SHIN JUST GAVE ME A CHECK-UP
HE SAID THAT I JUST CAUGHT A COLD.
SORRY ABOUT MAKING YOU WORRY
SO,
IT'S JUST A COLD
I PROMISE I WON'T BOTHER LAMKHA
IF IT COMES TO IT, I'LL RETURN ON MY OWN
Please I beg you
SO PLEASE,
DON'T TELL A WORD TO LAMKHA, LORD SANWA, OR HEALER LASAM
LET'S GO!
STUPID!
WHO'S WORRIED?
IT'LL BE AN INCONVENIENCE IF YOU'RE NOT COMING

DON'T SAY A WORD,
UNTIL I GET BACK.
THOSE MEDI-CINES
ARE FOR MINOR RELIEF
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM HERE ON.
About me and the one behind me
I EVEN WENT TO MOTHER'S GRAVE
I'M WORRYING TOO MUCH
WHEN SHE GETS BACK,
I'LL GIVE HER A THOROUGH EXAMINATION
SEE THIS
THIS IS THE FARE-WELL TREE
IF YOU RUB A BRANCH ON A TRAVELER, HE WILL HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY
HERE YOU GO!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
OUCH! THAT HURTS!
So high
ON A JOURNEY WITH LAMKHA,
IF I HAVE TO GO

WOULDN'T THAT JUST BE A BOTHER TO HIM?
AND FALL FOR HIM...
THAT WOULD BE ASKING FOR SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T ASK FOR.
I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN.
AS A DESCENDANT, I'M ONLY ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE FLYING SERPENTS
IF MY CONDITION KEEPS GETTING WORSE...
AND DOESN'T RECOVER...
THEN I WILL SURELY BE A BURDEN ON HIM
HEY!
IT'S THIN!
HE CLIMBED SO HIGH!

WHAT'S WRONG, METO?
THAT GIRL
EH?
WHY ISN'T HE ANSWERING?
IF IT'S TRUE,
THEN IT'S HER FIRST LOVE.
SHE'S SO INNOCENT
BECAUSE OF THAT...
MY SYMPTOMS AREN'T FROM THE POISON.
AND MY FEELINGS
FOR LAMKHA

ARE NOT
LOVE.
Swish
Gyaaa
!!!

DAMMIT!!
ALL OUR STUFF JUST FELL INTO THE BRUSH
OUR FOOD IS FULL OF MUD
AND OUR MONEY WAS EATEN BY THAT GOAT
I'M SO SORRY!!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I PUT THEM ALL ON MR. YAK'S BACK
Moo
TCH, THE CHARM FROM THE FARE-WELL TREE ISN'T WORKING EITHER
SEE, I'M ALREADY CAUSING TROUBLE.
MAYBE I'M A BIT SHAKY,
BECAUSE OF SHIN'S MEDICINE
TAP
TAN

I FOUND IT IN THE BUSHES
Eh!
THERE WAS ONLY ONE
IS THIS YOURS?
AH ...
THANK YOU.
I THOUGHT WE'D ALREADY LOST ALL OF OUR MONEY TO THAT GOAT
THAT'S A RELIEF. THANK YOU
Me, too!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, KIND SIR !!

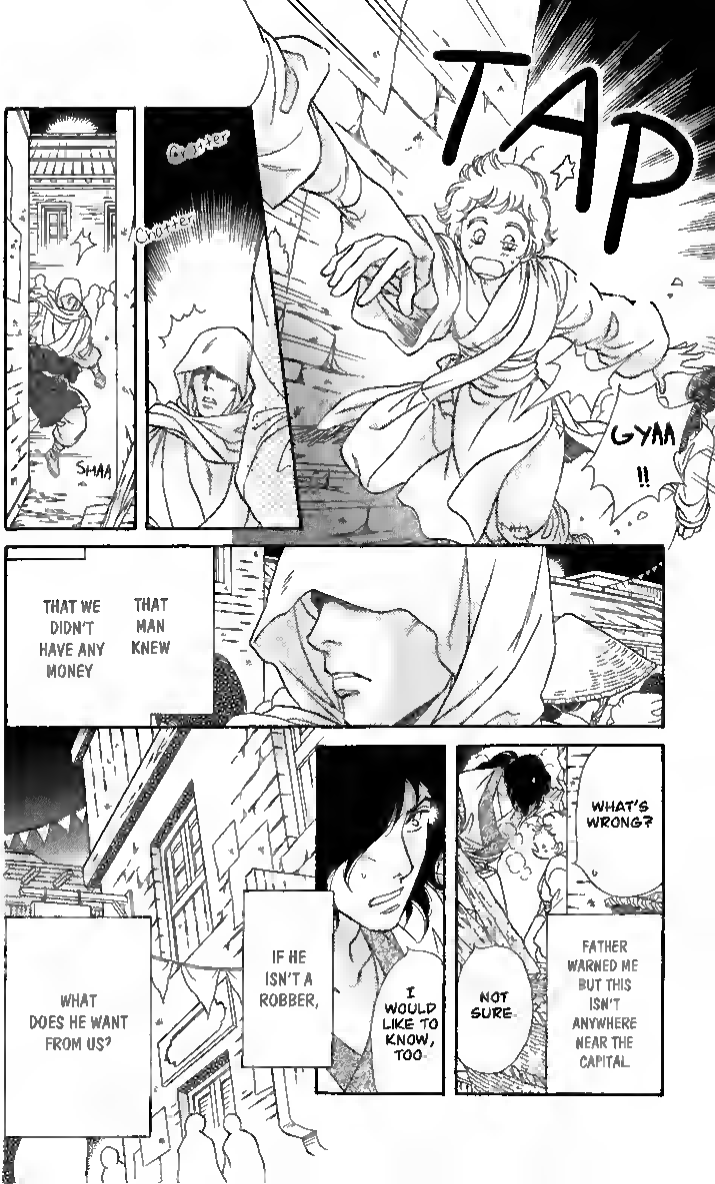
Smallest bill
Also-Lutep
WHAT?
EEEHH ??!!
THERE WAS...
A STRANGE AIR ABOUT THAT MAN
THANK GOOD-NESS!
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT CHARM IS WORKING AFTER ALL
WELL, WHAT CAN WE BUY WITH THIS MUCH?
Flap
A SCRAP OF MEAT? OR MAYBE TWO?
ONE CHILI PEPPER?
Hmm?
...
GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.

THIS IS SANWA.
LOGAMU MOUNTAIN IS OVER HERE
WE'RE IN ZEMAREPU
RIGHT NOW,
WE'VE GONE QUITE A BIT OUT OF OUR WAY,
BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WE CAN BORROW SOME MONEY AND CLOTHES FROM
Er Lam-khia
We're blocking the street.
ZEMAREPU
ISN'T THAT THE TOWN THAT THE GUY FROM THE YOUTH CLUB MENTIONED BEFORE WE LEFT?
DO YOU GUYS COME HERE OFTEN?
FROM TIME TO TIME
GYAAA!!!
STUMBLE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN IN A CROWD
GRAB
GYAA!!
TUG
UM... SORRY, I DID THAT BY ACCIDENT

WHAT'S WRONG?
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'M GOING TO GET A LENGTH OF ROPE
WHICH ONE?
OK
SPIN SPIN..
THAT ONE
MY HEAD IS SPINNING
IT'S SO BRIGHT.
NO

Blink
Blink
Blink
THIS HAZINESS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER TIME
MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST.
...
Borrowed jacket
Given second-hand boy's clothes
WHAT'S WRONG?
She looks the same as when we first met.
THOUGH SHE LOOKS LIKE A KID
SHE'S ALREADY 18
EVEN IF IT'S TEMPORARY FOR A YOUNG WOMAN, THIS IS TOO MUCH

A STALKER.
IN THIS CROWD,
THERE'S SOMEONE FOLLOWING US.
IT'S THE MAN WE MET AT NOON TODAY!
WHAT?
AT THE NEXT TURN, RUN-
WHO IS IT?


TAP
Crasher
Crasher
SHAA
GYAA
!!
THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY
THAT MAN KNEW
WHAT DOES HE WANT FROM US?
IF HE ISN'T A ROBBER,
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, TOO.
NOT SURE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
FATHER WARNED ME BUT THIS ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR THE CAPITAL.

WHY...? IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE YOU LAST VISITED!
PLEASE, I'M ON A JOURNEY
I'LL PAY YOU BACK WHEN I GET BACK
AND NOW, YOU JUST WANT TO BORROW SOME MONEY AND FOOD
YOU'RE NO FUN. THAT'S SO COLD. AREN'T YOU TAKING ME FOR GRANTED?
AH!
BIG BREASTS.
SHE'S GOT A GOOD FIGURE
IS THAT WOMAN LAMKHA'S ACQUAINTANCE?
EEH?!!
AND SHE'S IS YEARS OLD
"HE" IS ACTUALLY A SHE,
WITH THAT BOY OVER THERE?

Me, your girlfriend? KYAAAA
BUT SAID SOMEONE IN THE WOMAN'S YOUTH CLUB
RIGHT?
SHE'S A FORMER GIRL-FRIEND,
THAT LAMKHA LIKES THEM BIG.
THIS AREA IS FILLED WITH TAVERNS
NOW THAT I'VE TAKEN A GOOD LOOK
WHO LIKES 'EM BIG?
WHAT?
HA HA HA
WHO SAID THAT?!
WHO ON EARTH SAID THAT?!!

IF HE DOESN'T,
THEN HE MUST HAVE A MAMA COMPLEX.
ALL MEN LOVE THEM BIG,
RIGHT, LAD?
IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE CREATED A MISUNDER STANDING.
NOOO !!!!
HEY. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TRAVELLING WITH THAT KID
Eh?
SO I WAS RIGHT,
THIS LAD IS A MAMA-KON

WELL...
AND YOU ARE
LAMKHA'S
WHAT?
I'M JUST...
HIS SERVANT...
JUST THAT.
LAMKHA IS STAYING, TOO
I...
It's cheap as well
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY
WHY DON'T YOU STAY AT MY PLACE
A SERVANT?
WHAT KIND OF SERVANT ?
I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MR YAK AT THE TOWN GATE
I'LL PASS
Moo

HEY!
KANAN!
MA-MASTER PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
SHIVER
ARE YOU STILL UPSET, BECAUSE SOMEONE SAID THAT YOU LIKED THEM BIG AND CALLED YOU A MAMA-KON?
SAY WHAT ?
Big mouth.
WHAT'S WITH THE SOUR FACE?

OR ARE YOU ANGRY
BECAUSE THAT KID LEFT YOU HERE,
WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT?
IT'S STRANGE.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
I'VE BEEN IRRITABLE RECENTLY.
I EVEN ASKED MOTHER TO PROTECT HER FROM UP THERE
IT'S TRUE THAT SHE'S THE DESCENDANT THAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
BUT WHEN DID I START TO—

BLAM
LAMKHA?!
I THOUGHT I ALREADY SHOOK HIM
DAMN! HE WAS JUST HERE
THAT MAN IS LIKE A PREDATOR STALKING ITS PREY

HAH!
BUT...
WHY IS HE AFTER US?
HIS GAZE IS SHARP AND DEEP
...
WHERE DID THAT MAN GO?
EH?
MR. YAK...
KANAN IS BY HERSELF, NOW!
MOO?
MY HEAD IS SPINNING AGAIN
MAYBE I SHOULD DRINK SOME OF SHIN'S MEDICINE

I'VE MESSED UP AGAIN
EVEN THOUGH
SHE WASN'T A FORMER GIRL-FRIEND,
THAT WOMAN WAS SO BEAUTI-FUL
WHAT I'M FEELING
ISN'T LOVE
THAT'S WHY I'M LEAVING
HUH ?
IT HURTS A BIT
THE SPOT WHERE MY ARM TURNED HARD

THE SKIN...
EH?!
JUST FELL OFF.
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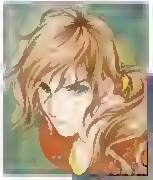

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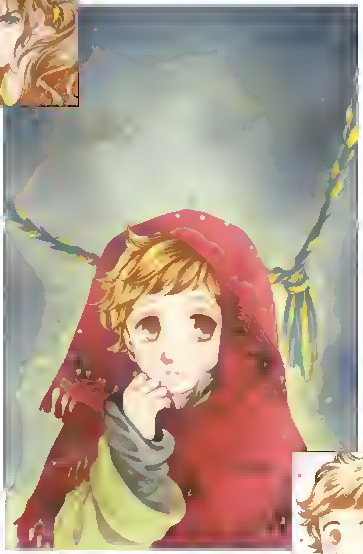

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SO MUCH...
SKIN TORE OFF...
IT CAN'T BE
HEY!
IT'S A MAN'S VOICE...
WHO IS IT?
WH-
WH-WH-

AH
YOU'RE THE MAN WHO RETURNED OUR MONEY
BUT IT'S NOT LAMKHA
I HAVE TO CALM DOWN.
DO YOU ALSO HAVE SOME BUSINESS HERE, SIR?
UHM...
TH... THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU
IF HE SEES MY ARMS,
HE'LL GET A NASTY SHOCK

IT'S THE REASON WHY I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU TWO.
...
HUH?
BUT THAT GUY LEFT QUICKLY WHEN I APPROACHED HIM
SO, I TURN TO HIS FRIEND TO ASK THIS INSTEAD
THAT IS, YOU.
SO, IT'S ABOUT LAMKHA.
...
HOW OLD IS HE?

Pay closer attention!
You wrote that wrong
21 YEARS OLD
Waiting for an answer,
...
Is he a talent scout?
...
WHY DOES THIS STRANGER WANT TO KNOW ABOUT LAMKHA?
BUT
I KNOW, BECAUSE THEY JUST ASKED ME TO COMPLETE A CENSUS
I HEARD
YOU CALLED HIM 'LAMKHA'
KANAN!
WHO NAMED HIM—
THE GUY FROM NOON TODAY, WAS HE HERE?
LAMKHA!

!?
HE'S RIGHT HERE!
YEAH!
DUNNO
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?
What talent?
Maybe he was scouting fo talent behind!
HE'S GONE.
I WONDER WHO THAT MAN WAS
BUT WHY WOULD A SUSPICIOUS GUY LIKE HIM KEEP AH EYE ON ME!?
DON'T TELL ME HE'S EYEING ME.
Eh?
KANAN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU.
MAYBE HE'S GOT THE WRONG PERSON
WHA?
HE WAS ASKING ABOUT YOUR NAME AND AGE.
HE'S GONE!?
HE WAS HERE JUST NOW

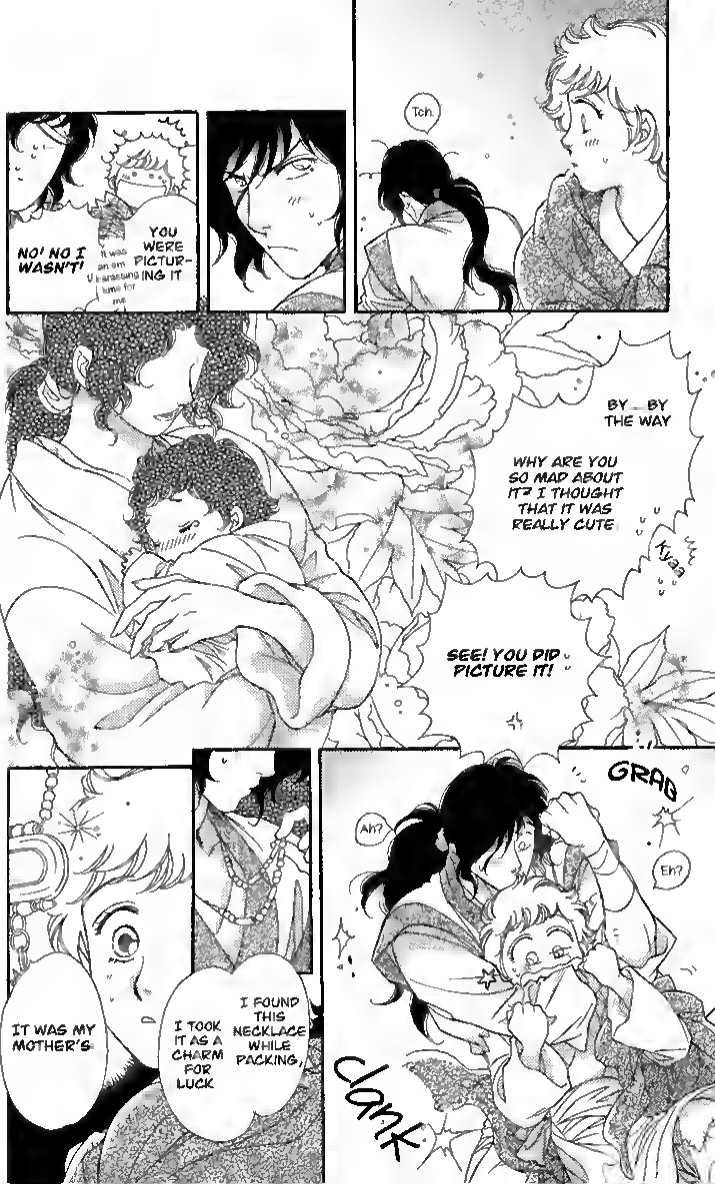
I ruined my make-up
Ah
YOU GUYS CAN STAY AT MY PLACE.
IT'S OKAY,
IS YOUR COLD GETTING WORSE?
THEN WHY?
I HAVE TO HIDE IT
HAVE TO HIDE IT!
NO, I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL.
YOUR FACE IS SO PALE!
DID THAT GUY SCARE YOU THAT MUCH!?
WA-WAIT A SEC,
WHAT'S WRONG?
See you
Thanks but, no thanks
Who?
AH?
FINE, I'LL PUT IT ON YOUR TAB AND YOU CAN PAY ME LATER
WE HAVE PLENTY "ROOMS" UPSTAIRS
YOU STAYED THERE LAST TIME YOU CAME HERE, RIGHT?
LAMKHA, YOU CREEP.

THERE'S A MOOD
THAT YOU HAVE TO BE IN...
MOOD?
WELL
LIKE CHUGGING SAKE WITH ALL THE OTHER GUESTS
SOUNDS GREAT, THAT WAY WE CAN RELAX EVEN THOUGH WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM HOME
?
...
WHY CAN'T WE STAY AT THAT WOMAN'S TAVERN?
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT BACK THEN
ANYWAY...
You just shit.
WELL...
UMM...
I WON'T SAY THAT LAMKHA LIKES "BIG ONES" AGAIN.
HUH?
AND THOSE DRUNKS CALLED YOU A "MOTHER-KON"*
I ACCIDENTALLY SAID THAT LAMKHA LIKES "BIG ONES"

two

When New Year's Eve rolled around in 2006, I suddenly caught the "knitting sickness." I was so into knitting, even though I was still a beginner. I didn't care. I knitted everything I could. Maybe there was a "knitting hormone" in my brain. It felt like it. I couldn't stop if I wanted to. In one month, I made a hat, a wallet, and a leg warmer set. It was an invincible level of concentration that never crossed my mind at work.

I DON'T REMEMBER IT CLEARLY,
BUT MY FATHER SAID THAT, TOO
ABOUT THAT 'MOTHER COMPLEX'...
WHEN I WAS A KID,
I COULDN'T GET TO SLEEP AND WOULD CRY,
UNTIL SHE HELD ME
WHA!?
HE SAID THAT I WAS ALWAYS CLINGING TO HER ARMS WHEREVER WE WENT
HEY!
DON'T LAUGH!
I WAS TRYING REALLY HARD...
TO CONTAIN MY EMBARASSMENT


Tch.
NO! NO I WASN'T!
It was an am- ah-amazing time for me
YOU WERE PICTUR- ING IT
BY_BY THE WAY
WHY ARE YOU SO MAD ABOUT IT? I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS REALLY CUTE
Kyaa
SEE! YOU DID PICTURE IT!
GRAB
Ah?
Eh?
clank
I FOUND THIS NECKLACE WHILE PACKING,
I TOOK IT AS A CHARM FOR LUCK
IT WAS MY MOTHER'S

SHE LOST HER MEMORIES
IT'S A KEEPSAKE
MY MOTHER—
SHE JUST HAD THIS NECKLACE WITH HER,
TWENTY YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS STILL A BABY CRADLED IN HER ARMS
MY FATHER TOOK HER TO SANWA VILLAGE—
SHE WAS EXHAUSTED—
MY FATHER, WHO WAS YOUNG AT THAT TIME, FOUND HER WANDERING IN THE MOUNTAINS
MY MOTHER'S IMAGE IN MY MEMORY IS—
I ADMIRE HIS CHIVALRY
MY FATHER DECIDED TO TAKE HER IN—
WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE SHE CAME FROM OR HER BACKGROUND

THE PAST WASN'T THAT IMPORTANT OF A LINK BETWEEN THEM
KIND,
CARING,
ND
AUTIFUL.
"PAST"
AND THAT WAS THAT
Ah.
AH!
WELL
DID I SAY TOO MUCH?
EH?
IN THE ORPHANAGE WHERE I WAS RAISED, THERE WAS ALSO A WOMAN WHO WAS OUR "MOTHER"
WELL,
UNEXPECTEDLY,
IN THE END, MY MOTHER NEVER REGAINED HER MEMORIES
BUT SHE AND MY FATHER BECAME CLOSE

IN OUR TEMPLE ON MOUNT LAMO, THERE WAS ALSO AN ANCIENT AND SCARY NUN.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I HAD ANY PARENTS.
BUT WE CALLED HER UNCLE BEHIND HER BACK.
WHAT?
WELL, SHE ALWAYS BELLOWED AND HAD A GIMPY LEG.
IN SHORT, THERE WAS NOTHING MOTHERLY ABOUT HER.
Mo
BECAUSE OF THE IMPRESSION SHE GAVE
I CALLED HER GRANDPA
WHAT THE—!
I'VE MADE LAMKHA FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.
BAD! VERY BAD!
ON MOUNT LAMO, THERE WASN'T JUST ONE GRANDPA.
BUT THERE WAS GRANDPA 1, GRANDPA 2 AND GRANDPA 3
AN OUTSIDER,
LIKE ME
THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT—
LAMKHA'S MOTHER WAS ALSO

SHAAA
...I STILL HAVE MEMORIES.
hoo hoo
...
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE PAINFUL ONES.
I FEEL REALLY NERVOUS.
AH
WHY DOES IT FEEL DIFFERENT FROM NIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE?
THE CONVERSATION JUST STOPPED

IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.
QUICK!
I HAVE TO FIND A TOPIC!
Um.
Huh?
Want an extra blanket?
Umm, sorry
TOPIC FOUND!
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?
YOU HARDLY SLEEP ANY-MORE, RIGHT?
NOW-
THIS IS JUST A HUNCH, BUT...

I ONLY SLEPT ONCE
SINCE MY BODY CHANGED I HAVEN'T SLEPT AT ALL.
NOT EVEN A WINK
WHEN I WAS A BOY I FELL FROM A CLIFF WHILE PLAYING
Are you still alive?
AND SANK INTO THE SNOW DRIFTS IN THE VALLEY BELOW
THEN I SLEPT FOR ALMOST A MONTH.
snap
EVEN THE FLYING SERPENTS
LOOK AT THEM.
NAP ON THE SNOW CAP PEAKS ONCE EVERY FEW YEARS
BUT SUDDEN FREEZING CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS
THAT IT'S NOT A PROBLEM IF THE COOLING IS GRADUAL
HEALER LASAM SAID
WHAT?

BUT,
WHY ARE THEY POISONOUS?
IF THE INNARDS OF THE CREATURES, WHICH ARE KNOWN AS HEAVEN'S MESSENGERS,
THE MEANING OF
FLYING SERPENTS OF EXISTENCE...
COULD HEAL PEOPLE
OR MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER, I COULD UNDERSTAND IT.
OR PERHAPS,
WE WERE JUST HALLUCINATING.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT AGAIN,
DID I REALLY SEE IT?
IT WAS THE FIRST AND THE LAST TIME I SAW ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE HOLY DRAGONS IN THE SKY.
WHEN YOU WERE
REBORN,

EVEN THE LEGENDS OF THE HOLY DRAGON
MIGHT JUST BE A CLEVER FABLE.
MAYBE SUCH A THING NEVER EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
IF THAT'S IT--
THEN, WHAT WERE THOSE MASSIVE BONES BURIED IN THE CAVE?
IT WORRIES ME
A GIANT ALLIGATOR.
WAS NOT!
HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
THE RIVER.
I HEARD WATER SPLASHING NEARBY
I WANT TO FRESHEN UP.
IF THE LEGEND OF THE HOLY DRAGON IS JUST A FABLE,
--WE'RE NOT THEIR DESCENDANTS.
THEN

...I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO STAY BY LAMKHA'S SIDE.
UNDER-NEATH THE TORN SKIN...
IS NEW...
WHITE SKIN.
JUST LIKE...
A FLYING SERPENT'S BODY?
DON'T TELL ME, MY BODY WILL BECOME LIKE THAT TOO?
THE EFFECTS OF THE FLYING SERPENT'S POISON
IS VERY SCARY
BUT I'M NOT AFRAID
BECAUSE I'M WITH LAMKHA

...
IS IT REALLY...
ONLY ON MY ARMS!?
crackle
EVEN MOTHER RAN AWAY FROM HER PAST,
WHILE CLUTCHING ME, WHO WAS ONLY STILL A BABY.
I DON'T WANT HER TO SUFFER LIKE SHE DID BEFORE SHE CAME TO SANWA VILLAGE
THAT'S WHAT I THINK
THEN SHE SHOULDN'T SUFFER ANY MORE SERIOUS CHANGES
IF THE LEGEND OF THE HOLY DRAGON REALLY IS A FABLE

...
SHE'S LATE.
...
IS SHE TAKING A DUMP?
BUT WHY IS SHE TAKING SO LONG?
Hmm
THE RIVER IS...
SOMEWHERE BEYOND THESE BUSHES.
RUSTLE
What is
...
WHAT IS SHE DOING...
AT THIS TIME AND PLACE?
RUSTLE

THE SOUND OF SOMEONE GETTING UNDRESSED!?
IS... IS THAT...
WHAT IS THAT IDIOT THINKING?
SHE CAUGHT A COLD, AND SHE'S STILL TAKING A BATH.
He can tell a girl's condition from her voice.
So distracted that she doesn't notice anything
S-SHE'S SO CARELESS
SHE DID THE SAME, BACK THEN
WE CAN STAY THERE, TOO?
WOW, SOUNDS GREAT!
straight forward

WHY DIDN'T SHE GET IT?
DIDN'T THE TROUBLE WITH SOPA TEACH HER ANYTHING?
I WONDER IF SHE'S ACTUALLY THAT CARE LESS OR JUST AN IDIOT
MAYBE I DON'T COUNT AS ONE
MAYBE TO HER...
THAT'S ALL I AM
SIT
THANK GOD,
IT HASN'T SPREAD FURTHER

IT'S ONLY ON MY ARMS.
THAT FOOLISH GIRL!
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT HER TO RECOGNIZE ME AS A MAN
Ah.
Hustle
IT STILL REALLY PISSES ME OFF!
Judging from those sounds
NOW SHE'S PUTTING HER CLOTHES BACK ON.
DAMN, WHY DO I CARE HOW SHE FEELS...

WHAT'S THAT ON HER CHEST?
IS THAT A BURN?
FLAP
...!
Waa
hat Sur prised me
☆OH NO,
I'VE STAYED HERE TOO LONG
LAMKHA MUST BE WORRIED BY NOW

LAMKHA WOULDN'T COME...
I WAS SO WORRIED THAT I HAD TO CHECK MYSELF
rustle
...
JUST TO CHECK UP ON ME RIGHT?
YOU IN THE HOOD.
HOW FAR TO YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW US?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT,
BEFORE YOU MAKE ME LOSE MY TEMPER,
LIKE THAT
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO WATCH ME
BUT AS FAR AS I CAN TELL
GET LOST!
EVEN IF,
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM...
I MIGHT KNOW...

...WHO YOU ARE.
YOU ARE 21 YEARS-OLD.
YOUR NAME IS LAMKHA,
WHICH WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY YOUR MOTHER.
AND SHE...

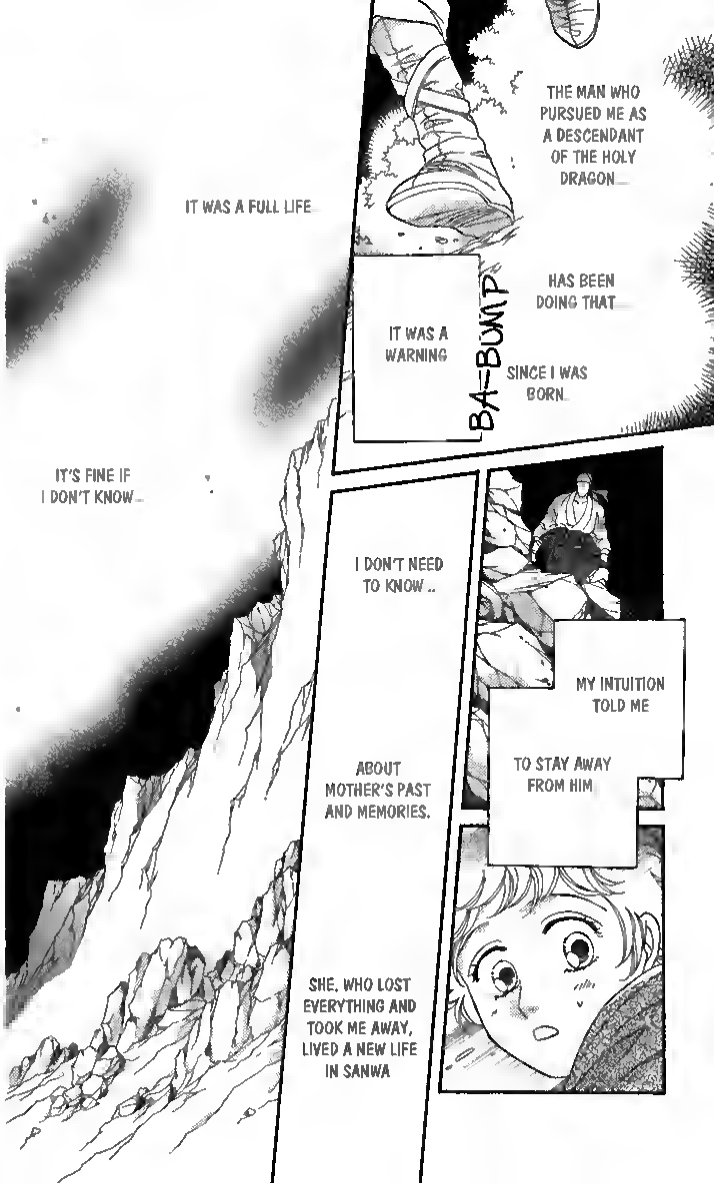
...IF SHE'S USING HER REAL NAME,
SHE WOULD BE KNOWN AS...
LATA.
HOW DOES.
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A MOTHER AND A CHILD
THIS GUY...
TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE THE ONE I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR,
PLEASE TAKE OFF
THE COVER ON YOUR LEFT MIDDLE FINGER...

...AND SHOW IT TO ME.
HE ALSO KNOWS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE HOLY DRAGON'S DESCENDANTS.
I'LL KEEP FOLLOWING YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU FOR THE SECOND TIME.
crack
!
IF THERE'S NOTHING THERE
I SHALL LEAVE, JUST AS YOU ASKED
BUT..
IF THERE'S THE PROOF THAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR,

ACK!
THE MYSTE-RIOUS MAN.
SLIDE
Moo
KANAN!
LAMKHA!
WHAT ARE YOU
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR
THAT'S BECAUSE
MY MOTHER'S NAME IS
HATOMA.
Actually that's a neighbor's name
LAMKHA IS MY NICK-NAME BACK HOME.
MY REAL NAME IS SOPA KARANIENPO.
A friend in the Youth Club
SLASH
WHY DID HE LIE LIKE THAT!?
RUN!
KANAN!

rumble
rumble
rumble
CRACK
WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON HERE?
LAMKHA,
TRY YOUR BEST TO AVOID THE ROADS NEAR THE CAPITAL

FATHER!
IS THIS WHAT HE MEANT?
THAT I MIGHT MEET SOMEONE WHO KNOWS MY MOTHER'S PAST?
THAT PAST IS ALSO MINE.
THE PAST.
THAT CONTINUOUSLY TORMENTED HER—
AND MADE HER LOSE HER MEMORIES.


THE MAN WHO PURSUED ME AS A DESCENDANT OF THE HOLY DRAGON...
HAS BEEN DOING THAT...
SINCE I WAS BORN...
BA-BUMP
IT WAS A WARNING
IT WAS A FULL LIFE...
IT'S FINE IF I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T NEED TO KNOW..
ABOUT MOTHER'S PAST AND MEMORIES.
SHE, WHO LOST EVERYTHING AND TOOK ME AWAY, LIVED A NEW LIFE IN SANWA
MY INTUITION TOLD ME
TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM.

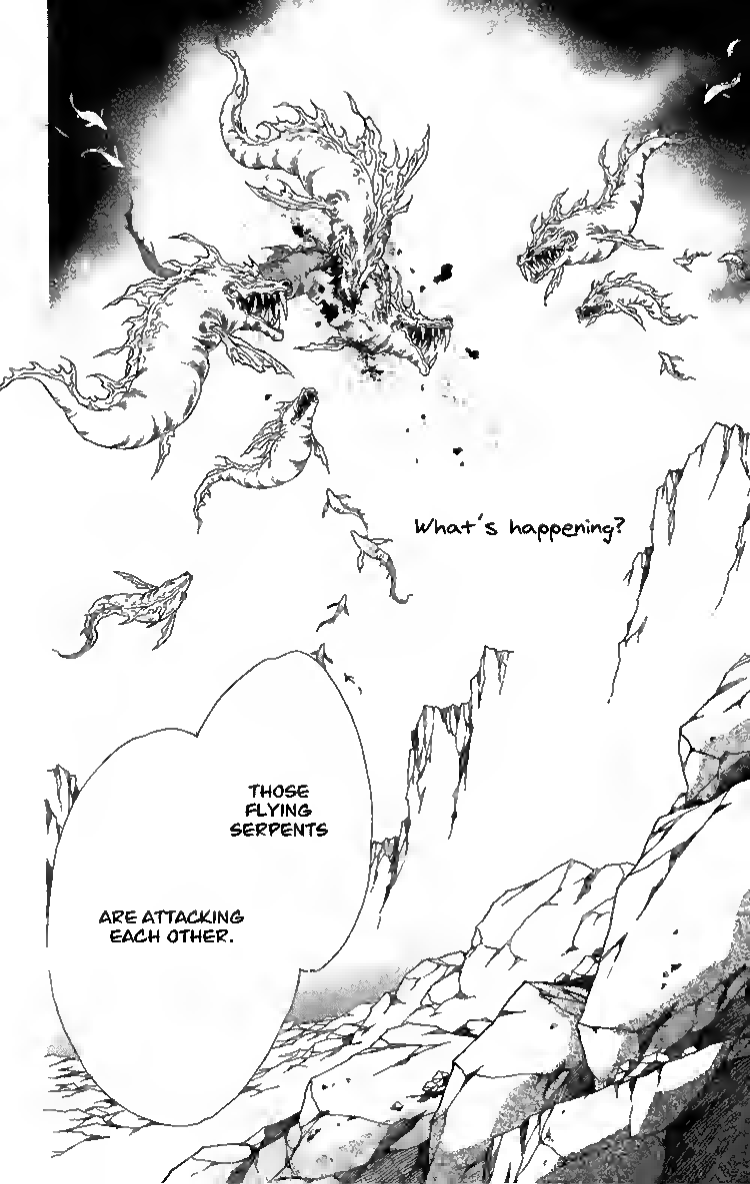
ARE YOU OKAY?
AREN'T YOU TIRED FROM WALKING?
DO YOU WANT TO REST?
turn
Eh?
NOT AT ALL
...
OH, NO NOT AT ALL
It's so comfortable
I'VE BEEN RIDING ON MR. YAK THIS WHOLE TIME
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN LAMKA AND THAT HOODED MAN LAST NIGHT?
I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THAT GUY AND WHAT HAPPENED,
BUT LAMKA IS KEEPING QUIET
IF YOUR COLD IS GETTING WORSE, TELL ME

I WILL
FORTUNATELY, HE STILL THINKS I CAUGHT A COLD
THANKS TO SHIN
WHEN WE GET HOME, I'LL HAVE TO GET MORE OF IT
AH!
A SNOW LEOPARD
THAT'S RARE
...
AH UHM
I MEANT THE ATMOSPHERE HE GAVE OUT
...
SOMEHOW,
IT REMINDS ME OF THE HOODED MAN
I DISAGREE
THAT MAN...

The snow leopard has thick fur
EVEN THOUGH THE HOODED MAN ASKED STRANGE QUESTIONS...
HE WEARS A HOOD AND YET, HE STILL COVERS HIS HEAD WITH A SCARF.
YEP, I CAN'T BE WRONG
...MUST BE BALD!
I FELT CALM,
BUT I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL.
LIKE WHEN I SEE THAT SOLITARY SNOW LEOPARD WATCHING US HUMANS FROM AFAR
INSTEAD,
WHY DO YOU DO THAT,
SNOW LEOPARD?

I WONDER WHAT MADE YOU SO WORRIED...
WE'RE HERE.
HEALER LASAM'S FRIEND, THE BIG AND BOW-LEGGED, UNCLE NAMTOK...
LIVES HERE.
EEEEK!
NO.
HE'S DEAD.
HE'S BEEN MURDERED
LAMKHA!

WHO COULD HAVE EATEN THE FLYING SERPENT?
WE NEED TO RETRIEVE THE FLYING SERPENT'S CORPSE...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Lasam,
recently, the serpents that fly above the mountain have been acting strangely.
Those who once came to this peak to pass in peace...
keep roaring threateningly.
I want to know what you think of this,
and also about the holy beast's aggressiveness.


What's happening?
THOSE FLYING SERPENTS
ARE ATTACKING EACH OTHER.

GASH
LAMIKHA,
SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG.

THEY'RE ACTING SO STRANGELY.
IT'S AS IF THEY ARE BEING MANIPULATED.
TO ATTACK THEIR OWN FRIEND.
THEY'RE EATING THE WEAKEST ONE,
BUT IT'S NOT OUT OF HUNGER.
THEY DON'T LOOK HUNGRY,
THEIR GAZES WENT COMPLETELY BLANK
SOMEONE IS USING THEM!

WHO ARE YOU?
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO KILLED UNCLE NAMTOK.
ARE YOU FRIENDS OF THE MAN IN THE HUT?
WHAT A NUISANCE
LET'S FINISH THEM!
YEAH!

KANAN!
LOOK OUT!
RUMBLE
HIDE AND WAIT FOR ME!
WHAT WAS THAT?

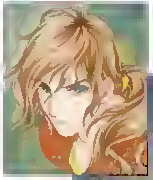
LAMKHA!
HE CAN THROW LIGHTNING?
JUMP
SLASH

UGH!
HE CUT THE CLIFF
WITH HIS SWORD!
SLASH
SLANK

CHAPTER
CRAP!
I CAN ONLY..
FIGHT WITH A SWORD.
THIS IS MY WEAKNESS.

?!
CLENCH
!
HEY KIDDO,
I'M GOING TO BREAK YOUR NECK!
GRAB
THIS KID?!
HIS FACE...
blink

SLASH
!
LAMKHA!!



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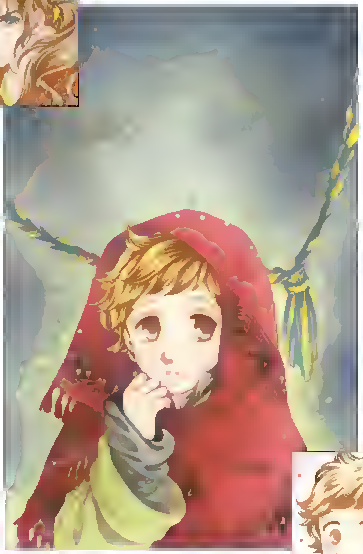

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SPLASH
ANSWER ME, LITTLE GIRL.
ROAR
WHO IS THAT MAN?
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I WILL...
DON'T MOVE!

MY BODY!
I CAN'T MOVE!
THIS GIRL STOPPED ME!
AH!
!!
THUMP

THE HOODED MAN!
DAMN IT! THERE WAS STILL ONE MORE...
THE FLYING SERPENTS...
slide
SCATTERED AND FLED...
GUSH

GULP
BLUB
BUBB
EVEN DOWN THIS DEEP,
HE HASN'T WEAKENED.
HE REALLY IS A MONSTER.
"MONSTER".
HUH?!

UGH!
BLUB
BLUB
AH!

ARE YOU HURT?
NO
HOW ABOUT YOU?
DID YOU HIDE, LIKE I TOLD YOU TO?
IT'S COLD.
LAMKHA!
OH...
IT'S YOU AGAIN,
YOU'RE STUBBORN, AREN'T YOU?
YOU EVEN TOOK THE LIBERTY OF THROWING THIS

SWOOSH
LAMKHA!
IT WORKED, DIDN'T IT?
SHUT IT. DON'T EXPECT ME TO THANK YOU.
THOSE PEOPLE JUST NOW,
HUH?
DID YOU SEE THEIR BODIES BENEATH THEIR BANDAGES?
DARK SKIN THAT TORE OFF AND WAS AS HARD AS SCALES.
THAT WAS JUST LIKE THE GIRL WHO DIED FROM THE FLYING SERPENT'S POISON
ACTUALLY...
BUT HOW COULD THEY BE THAT STRONG?
THEY COULD SMASH A BOULDER WITH THEIR BARE HANDS
USING THAT WEIRD LIGHTNING POWER
WHO ARE THEY?
I FELL INTO THAT SPRING THIS HIGH IN THE MOUN-TAINS.
DAMN IT!

IT WAS SO COLD...
I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO DIE DOWN THERE
THEN—
LAMKHA!
HIS BODY IS WEAK FROM BEING COLD.
HE SAID THAT HE ONCE SLEPT FOR A WHOLE MONTH.
OH NO!
I HAVE TO WARM HIM UP!
UGH,
HE'S SO HEAVY!

ALLOW ME TO HELP
REACH
I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY
YES, PLEASE
RATTLE

COULD THE FLYING SERPENTS THAT ATTACKED
HAVE HAD MORE POTENT POISON?
THOSE PEOPLE MANIPULATED THE FLYING SERPENTS AND MADE THEM ATTACK EACH OTHER. THEY ALSO HAD OTHER STRANGE POWERS.
His eyes are half open
THEY MUST BE PREYING ON THE FLYING SERPENTS' POISONOUS ORGANS.
AH
OPENS
WELCOME BACK,
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE

I BURIED HIM NEXT TO FLYING SERPENTS' GRAVES.
THE OLD FLYING SERPENTS WILL KEEP WATCH OVER HIM FROM ABOVE
HOW AM I GOING TO TELL HEALER LASAM
THAT UNCLE NAMTOK HAS DIED?
WHAT'S HIS CONDITION?
HE LOOKS MORE LIKE HE'S FROZEN THAN ASLEEP.
HAS THERE BEEN ANY SIGN OF CONSCIOUSNESS?
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG LAMKHA WILL STAY LIKE THIS...
WILL IT BE A MONTH LIKE BEFORE?
OR MORE?
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT OR DRINK FOR ALL THAT TIME,
WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM ABOUT IT?
AH— UHM—
I THINK THAT HE'LL STAY LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE

three

Recently, something called a Knitting Café opened
Actually, knitting also can be an alternate to stressing out. Even now, I continue knitting so keenly that I don't know how stressed I actually am. By the way, my health wasn't good for a while last year, and my blood pressure rose. The doctor asked if I just changed my job recently. Maybe my stress was related with the changes at the workplace.

HUH?
I ALREADY KNOW THE GENERAL STORY
WERE ALL OF YOUR BELONG-INGS
ON THE YAK THAT YOU LEFT BEHIND?
I have some in my bag
BELONG-INGS?
HE ALREADY HAS HIS MOST IMPORTANT POSSESSION, RIGHT HERE
AH, RIGHT
WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
WHY DOES EVERYBODY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT LAMKHA?

I DON'T SEE IT ANYWHERE!
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH NO!
LAMKHA'S PRECIOUS NECKLACE
IT'S GONE!
A MEMENTO FROM HIS MOTHER
EXCUSE ME,
BUT I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF LAMKHA!
DASH, DASH, DASH

OH NO,
THE NECKLACE IS REALLY GONE
I THOUGHT IT FELL WHILE HE WAS FIGHTING
THE ONLY PLACE I HAVEN'T SEARCHED IS
IF I DIVE INTO THE FRIGID WATER, WILL I BE FROZEN FOR DAYS ON END LIKE LAMKHA?
...
OR WILL THE CHANGE TO MY ARM WORSEN?
SFX: SLIDE

EEK!
It's cold!
WITHIN ME
THE NECKLACE IS DOWN THERE?
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT
TOUCH

SPLASH
LET IT HAPPEN AFTER I FIND LAMKHA'S NECKLACE
-SIGH-
I BEG YOU, IF I CHANGE...
...IS THE FLYING SERPENT'S VENOM
A FRAGMENT OF THE HOLY DRAGON'S SOUL.
BLUB
THE FISH
ARE GUIDING ME!

WHEN DID I START...
TO SWIM SO WELL?
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
HAVE I EVER SWUM BEFORE...
IN MY WHOLE LIFE?

SLAM
LAMKHA, HERE'S
FOUND
IT

...YOUR MOTHER'S NECKLACE.
THE CHAIN IS A BIT DAM-AGED
BUT IT CAN BE FIXED.
OK?
HUH?
YEAH, IT'S OKAY.
I WOULD HAVE BEEN WORRIED IF I COULDN'T FIND IT.
I MEANT YOU
YOUR FACE IS SO PALE
YOU ARE--
ALSO LIKE HIM, AREN'T YOU?
hide
NO NEED TO HIDE IT

DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE, I KNOW THE GENERAL STORY.
I'VE LEARNED ABOUT IT...
Huh?
Eh?
I'VE LEARNED AND SEARCHED...
FOR THESE TWENTY YEARS
WILL YOU
STOP PACING IN FRONT OF YOUR FATHER'S CLINIC.
IF YOU HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL ME, COME IN QUICK!

WHAT'S WRONG, SHIN?
I'VE THOUGHT OF VARIOUS THEORIES...
BUT I STILL WANTED TO HEAR YOUR OPINION ON THIS MATTER...
EVEN TAKING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS INTO ACCOUNT, COMPARED TO LAMKHA, KANAN'S BODY HAS BEEN CHANGING MUCH FASTER...
UNTIL LAMKHA REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS,
PLEASE...

SUCH A NUISANCE
WHY
IT SAVED MY LIFE ONCE
BUT SHOULDN'T IT HAVE LESS EFFECT ON LAMKHA AND ME?
AREN'T WE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE HOLY DRAGONS?
ARE THE INNARDS OF FLYING SERPENTS, THAT ARE MESSENGERS OF HEAVEN, POISONOUS?
DO YOU KNOW THAT NEWBORN FLYING SERPENTS AREN'T POISONOUS?

ASIDE FROM EATING WILD BEASTS AND SLEEPING ONCE EVERY FEW YEARS,
THE FLYING SERPENTS ALSO CONSUME THE ILL WILL CREATED BY HUMANS,
ANGER, ENVY,
AND HATRED
SO THAT THE WORLD WON'T BE ENGULFED BY DESPAIR ONCE AGAIN.
THAT IS WHY THE OLD WISEMEN ALWAYS TOLD US NOT TO TOUCH THE HOLY BEASTS
BUT FOOLISH HUMANS ARE TRYING TO REABSORB THE POISON
THAT WAS EXTRACTED FROM THEIR SINS
AND USE IT FOR THEIR EVIL PURPOSES.

BUT FOR YOU,
THE DESCENDANTS OF THE HOLY DRAGONS
THAT IS, TO CREATE A MORE POTENT POISON.
THE VENOM WORKS AS A MEDICINE
THE FULL STRENGTH AND ABILITIES OF ALL THE HOLY DRAGONS UPON THIS EARTH MUST BE AWAKENED
TO FACE THE POWER OF THE TERRESTRIAL DRAGON ONCE AGAIN,
IT'S AS IF—
THEY'RE BINDING THEMSELVES TO THE KING OF DARKNESS,
THAT WAS SEALED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH AFTER THE BATTLE WITH THE CELESTIAL HOLY DRAGONS.
AND LEFT A CURSE THAT HE WOULD AWAKEN ONCE AGAIN
WILL THE DRAGON OF DARKNESS AWAKEN
DURING MY LIFETIME?

AND TO BE HONEST, RECENTLY,
IF IT'S LAMKHA,
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT, BUT NOT ME. I'M A COWARD
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!
NO ONE KNOWS
AND HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH MY OWN PROBLEMS
I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE DARK DRAGON'S LEGEND
SURELY,
ACTUALLY,
YOU ARE...
DURING YOUR LIFETIME...
EVEN IF IT COMES
YOU'LL BECOME STRONGER,

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU
WHEN HE AWAKENS
I'M SCARED THESE BAD OMENS WORRY ME
EVEN THOUGH IT SHOULD STILL BE ASLEEP,
PLEASE WAKE UP SOON. CALL ME A "DUMMY" LIKE YOU USUALLY DO.
LAMKHA
RUB RUB

BUT IT FEELS LIKE
THE DARK DRAGON IS WATCHING US FROM AFAR.
LAMKHA, IS YOUR HEART STILL BEATING?
ARE YOU STILL BREATHING?
YOU'LL AWAKEN—
THIS TIME, TOO, WON'T YOU—?

KANAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
THAT'S WHERE MOTHER, WHO HAD AMNESIA, USED TO STAND
WHILE YOU...
HUH?
MY HANDS, FEET, AND CHEST...
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR MEMORIES AND YOUR PAST FROM BEFORE COMING TO SANWA VILLAGE

...
UGH?
..FEEL WARM
WHY ...
AM I LYING HERE?
HMM...
THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS COMING OUT OF THAT COLD SPRING.
AFTER THAT
HUH
I FELL ASLEEP!
CRAP!

BUT...
I'm naked!
...Waa...
RIGHT, I WAS SOAKING WET...
WHO TOOK MY CLOTHES OFF?
Lamkha's clothes
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN...
KANAN
Phew
Meow
OPEN
SHE'S NOT HERE
HEY, KANAN!
Huh?

HERE I AM!
EEK~!
LAMKHA!
HE'S GONE!
Heh heh, surprised huh?
HEY, YOU..
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO SEE YOUR BOSS GET OUT OF BED, AND THAT'S HOW YOU REACT?
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?

THUMP
SOB
KANAN
THUMP
SOB
SOB
THUMP

HALF A MONTH
sob
sob
KANAN!
WAAAA~~
TAKES OFF
Tch
You're still here
SHE'S BEEN NURSING YOU FOR HALF OF A MONTH
SHE KEPT RUBBING YOUR UNMOVING HANDS AND FEET
TO KEEP YOU WARM
WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING
SHE WOULDN'T REST, EVEN WHEN I ADVISED HER TO.

Thank God.
WORKED HARD TO FIND YOUR NECKLACE THAT FELL TO THE BOTTOM OF THAT SPRING
SHE ALSO...
THIS TIME,
MY CONDITION...
REALLY WAS SERIOUS
THAT NECK-LACE
WAS...
WHAT?
SHE DID THAT?

WHEN SHE LEFT HER HOMETOWN AND HEADED TO THE CASTLE
I STILL REMEMBER IT VIVIDLY.
AN IMPORTANT MEMENTO THAT YOUR MOTHER WORE,
IT'S "DAO".
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR NAME IS
...
I...
I USED TO BE... YOUR MOTHER'S SERVANT

TWENTY YEARS AGO,
WHEN YOUR MOTHER DECIDED TO FLEE FROM THE CASTLE WITH YOU,
I PREPARED EVERYTHING FOR HER.
ALL THIS TIME,
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU,
PRINCE LAMKHA.

"PRINCE" LAMKHA..
WHERE...
WHERE DID I COME FROM?
THIS COUNTRY.

HEY, HEY
ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL SOME PRANK ON ME, JUST BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ASLEEP ALL THIS TIME?
NOT AT ALL
DUE TO HER HEALTH,
THE QUEEN WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE KING
LATA WAS INVITED TO THE PALACE TO ATTEND THE KING, SO YOU'RE REALLY THE KING'S SON
SON OF THE KING OF NAMKALADEL
YOU ARE
THE NOBLE PRINCE OF THIS LAND
MOTHER
WAS A CONCUBINE
YOU'RE FATHER ISN'T JUST ANY FATHER

IT EVEN SURPASSES THE RANK OF THE SON OF THE LOCAL LORD
A PRINCE?!
WHA—
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
IF THIS GOES ON, I MIGHT—
TWITCH
AH!

AH!
YOUR HIGH-NESS,
IS LADY LATA...
MOTHER ...
MOTHER HAS—
IN THE VILLAGE WHERE YOU ARE LIVING?
STILL LIVING,

M M M
.....
I'M HAVING A SERIOUS CONVERSATION HERE
MOO!
WOULD YOU JUST SHUT UP!
RIGHT,
HE TOLD ME THAT YOU DOVE INTO THE SPRING TO FIND MY NECKLACE WHILE I WAS ASLEEP.
KANAN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
DON'T TELL ME, YOU'VE GOTTEN COLD, TOO—
Huh?
I'M SORRY.

I'M
REALLY
SORRY
FOR
TROUBLING YOU
IF MY BODY
BECOMES LIKE
THIS,
I WON'T HAVE ANY
REASON...
TO STAY BY YOUR
SIDE.

KANAN!!

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1. Grayscaling

2 Rotating

3. Cropping

4 Resizing

5 Leveling

6 Removing Text

7. Cleaning SFX

8 Text-setting

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10月5日はれのち雨
今日失恋しました。

October 5 (Clear skies, then rain)
Today my girlfriend dumped me

10月6日くもり
昨日失恋しました。

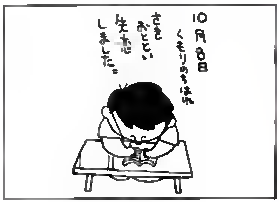
October 6 (Cloudy)
Yesterday my girlfriend dumped me

10月7日はれのちくもり
おととい失恋しました。

October 7 (Clear skies then cloudy)
Day before yesterday, my girlfriend dumped me

10月8日くもりのちはれ
さきおととい失恋しました。

October 8 (Cloudy, then clear)
Three days ago my girlfriend dumped me



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